

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**Please amend Claim 16 as follows:**

16. The magnetic recording medium as in claim 15 ~~claim 16~~, wherein:  
said substrate comprises glass, ceramics, and glass-ceramics and further includes a  
glass or glass-like layer on at least said substrate surface in said CSS or landing zone, said  
glass or glass-like layer being derived from a sol-gel layer and including a surface with said  
pattern of recesses formed therein.